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Sedgwick County Fire District #1 TO OBSERVE FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – Sedgwick County Fire District #1 will observe "National Fire Prevention Week," October 5 – 11. "When Fire Strikes: Get Out! Stay Out" was designated by the National Fire Prevention Association for this year's "Fire Prevention Week." This year's theme was chosen to teach two simple but lifesaving ideas: install smoke alarms and test them regularly, and develop and practice home fire drills.

The Sedgwick County Fire Department will be conducting several events aimed at both adults and children throughout Fire Prevention Week as well as before and after the designated week. Some of these events include:

School inspections and fire drills: All schools within the Sedgwick County Fire District will have walk-through fire inspections as well as fire drills to test their readiness in case of a fire.

Station Tours: Children's groups such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, day care facilities and schools, will get the chance to visit Sedgwick County's Fire Stations.

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Kindergarten Demonstrations: Firefighters will visit each of the Kindergarten classes located in the Sedgwick County Fire District. During their visit they will talk about fire safety and show-off the fire engines.

Fifth Grade Lunch at Sedgwick County Zoo: All area fifth graders are invited to the Zoo for a day of learning about firefighters, fire safety and all the local agencies that are involved in an emergency.

Roody Doo: All students K-6 in the Sedgwick County Fire District will receive "Roody Doo" Fire Safety Adventure worksheets.

"Fire Prevention Week is a great way to teach children and remind adults of the dangers of and the safety precautions they can take," said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Tim Norton. "We encourage everyone to take part in Fire Prevention Week by organizing an home escape route and by testing smoke alarm batteries."

For more information on Fire Prevention and the National "Fire Prevention Week" visit the Sedgwick County Fire Department's website at www.sedgwickcounty.org.

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